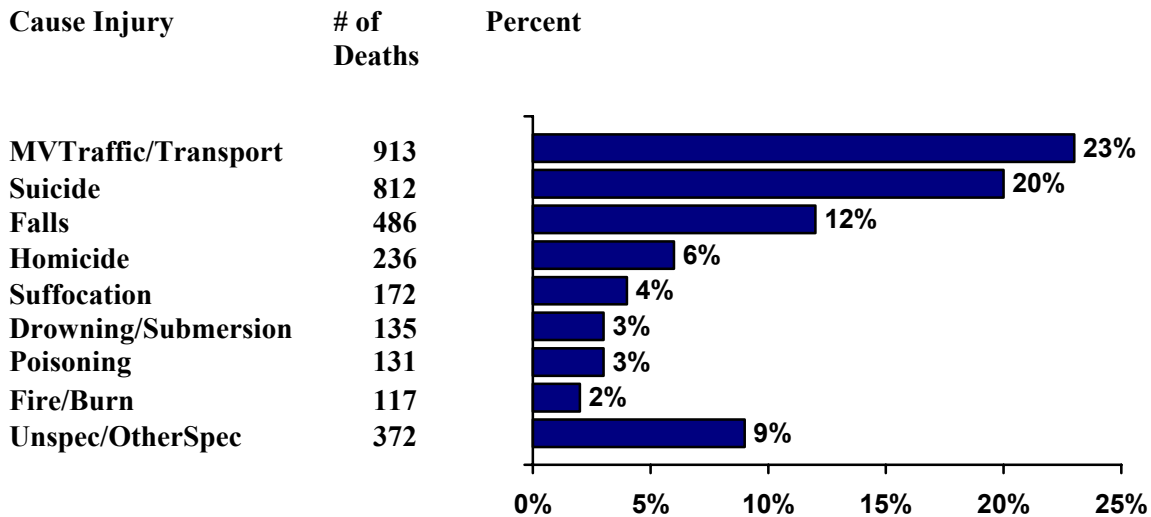


**Top 8 Injury-Related Deaths  
1989-1998 Rhode Island (All Races, Both Sexes)**



(Total Injury Deaths = 4,019)

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Injury Prevention and Control  
(<http://webapp.cdc.gov/sasweb/ncipc/mortrate.html>)

- Injury is the leading cause of death in the United States and Rhode Island among those ages 1 to 44.
- Injuries kill at least one person in Rhode Island every day.
- Firearms were used in 53% of homicides and 35% of suicides.
- Fire/burn is the 8<sup>th</sup> leading cause of injury death for Rhode Islanders.
- There is a major gap between what we already know about preventing injuries and what is being done in our communities, work places and clinics. (The Institute of Medicine report, Reducing the Burden of Injury, 1999)